

we have unfortunately been in the habit of constructing. The disadvantage of attempting narrow branch lines at the present time is that they require a necessary shifting of goods and passengers at the junction. But at present is there not a shifting into carts, omnibuses, and other vehicles? In some of the more remote districts, such as the Highlands, a railway of humble gauge would be hailed as a boon, and would suit the financial capacity of such places. "The Duke of Sutherland, it is well known," says a London Times paper, "is a high admirer of the narrow and light railway system, and he has not only spent some time in considering the feasibility of its application to the circumstances of Caithness. If ever railway communication is to be largely extended to the Highlands, the Duke's views on the subject are of great importance." The Duke of Sutherland speaks both of Scotland and England, it is certain that it must be by means of the narrow gauge and light permanent way. The experience of lines of the kind in the United States, and the Duke of Sutherland speaks too plainly to admit of the anticipation that capital can be procured for kindred enterprises. But the narrow gauge is a more modest mode of progress, providing quite sufficient accommodation for the wants of the country, as we have alluded to. The Sutherland and Caithness present especially eligible fields for the experiment, if we desire to style the system an experiment. After the experience of the latter country, it is particularly, as regards the former country, it is too late, although there is no little triumph to the advocates of the system in the Duke of Sutherland's avowal, that he is well known to have adopted it. He has adopted it and saved himself an expenditure of £100,000." With regard to the so-called Dingwall and Skye Railway (expected to be open in the autumn of the next summer), if it pays on the 4 feet 8 inch gauge, it will be a triumph. But the line will end on the south shore of Loch Carron, and will leave a large region of Inverness-shire uncrossed still uncrossed, which no company would venture to do. It is a triumph of the gauge, but which might possibly come within the humble scope of the Festiniog system. It may be mentioned that the Norwegian Government have advantageously adopted the narrow gauge, and a railway constructed in that country was on the English gauge; but the scantiness of the population and trade did not permit it to earn an adequate profit on the line, and therefore they have been obliged to close upon other lines; and there are railways now open and at work on the 3½-feet gauge, from Grunseit to Hanar (twenty-four miles), Trondhjem to Hamar (thirty miles), and Sandness to Sandness (fifty-six miles). Some of the gradients are as steep as 1 in 42, and some of the curves only 700 feet radius. Special locomotives for the service were constructed for the line, they weighed fourteen tons each, with steam up. The total cost of the railways, stations, locomotives, rolling-stock, and working-plants of all kinds, has averaged about four thousand five hundred pounds per mile—this, it is said, is a high average. The speed is fifteen miles an hour—quite sufficient where trade has not arrived at a high-pressure pitch. The colony of Queensland is also adopting the narrow gauge, and the line is now being constructed by Sir James F. Stephen, &c.

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